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August 5, 2008

Mr. Dennis Ware, Controller and Administrative Manager
Plateau Mining Corp.
P.O. Box 30
Helper, Utah 84526Subject: Outfall Inactivation Request for UPDES Permit No. UTG040012,
Plateau Mining Corp. – Willow Creek Mine Facility.

Dear Mr. Ware:

We have received your letter dated July 14, 2008 requesting the inactivation of outfalls 001 and 016 for the above referenced UPDES permit. With the recent reclamation of outfall 016, the potential to discharge from this temporary Crandall Canyon mine portal site no longer exists. Outfall 001, as described in your letter, is now part of the College of Eastern Utah's Western Energy Training Center and will likely never discharge.

Therefore, outfalls 001 and 016 have been inactivated and you are no longer required to submit the monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) as of August 1, 2008. However, other applicable conditions of your UPDES Permit remain in effect, such as the storm water provisions, and your permit coverage will remain in effect until such time as final bond release is achieved. Also keep in mind that if any future discharge is to occur, you will need to reactivate the outfall status to be in compliance with your UPDES Permit and Water Quality Standards.

In the near future, we will be in contact to schedule an inspection for documentation purposes. If you have any questions with regards to this matter, please contact Jeff Studenka of this office at (801) 538-6779 or by e-mail at jstudenka@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

Mike Herkimer, Manager
UPDES IES Section

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Enclosure

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